Supply of empty gun shells

† 2378. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a supply order for the supply of 5,000 empty shells for arms and ammunitions had been placed to the T.S. Kisan and Company in the year 1995;

(b) if so, the amount for which this supply order was placed, by when the sample was to be presented in this regard and when it was actually presented;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in July, 2000 Ordnance Factory Board had informed the DDPS that the demand of empty shells has been fulfilled and no further supply will be accepted; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not cancelling the tender by the DDPS and the losses incurred by the Government as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Amount of supply order was Rs. 2.77 crores. The advance sample was to be presented in September, 1995, however, it was presented in October 1998.

(c) and (d) Ordnance Factory Board had informed Department of Defence Production (DDP) in July 2000 that their demand for empty shells has been fulfilled. The department on the basis of requirement indicated by the Director General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) for their proof procedures, decided to accept the supply. Thus, as a result Government did not incur any financial loss.

Increasing range of Prithvi Ballistic Missile

2379. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the range of 'Prithvi Ballistic Missile' is being increased from 150 KMs. to350KMs.;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government is considering to integrate 'Prithvi Missile' and Israeli Greenpine Radar as defence cover in respect of nuclear threat; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Prithvi is surface to surface missile system with a range exceeding 150 km.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. There are no plans to integrate Prithvi Missile with Israeli Greenpine Radar as a defence cover in respect of nuclear threat.

Recommendations of Kargil Review Committee regarding Ex-servicemen

2380. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations made by the Kargil Review Committee in regard to induction of Ex-Servicemen in the Security Forces and other Government employment;

(b) the action since taken to implement the same, year-wise; and

(c) the reasons for non-implementation or partial implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The Government is considering a proposal for lateral transfer of army personnel to the Central Para Military Forces. The modalities for lateral transfer are being worked out in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Cadre review of AFHQ Civil Services

2381. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee of Senior Officers in the Ministry of Defence has been consitituted to consider restructuring/cadre review of the AFHQ Civil Services;